HONORABLE THOMAS S. ZILLY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 9 HUNTERS CAPITAL, LLC, et al., 10 Case No. 20-cv-00983-TSZ Plaintiffs, CITY OF SEATTLE'S ANSWER 11 TO SECOND AMENDED CLASS v. 12 **ACTION COMPLAINT** CITY OF SEATTLE, 13 Defendant. 14 15 The City of Seattle (City), by and through its undersigned attorneys of record, hereby 16 answers Plaintiffs' Second Amended Class Action Complaint (Dkt. 28) as follows. 17 I. **OVERVIEW** 18 1. The City admits that the United States Constitution states what is stated therein. 19 The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in the second and third 20 sentences of paragraph 1 and therefore denies them. 21 2. The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in the first and 22 second sentences of paragraph 2 and therefore denies them. The City denies the allegations in the 23 third sentence of paragraph 2. 24 3. The City denies the allegations of paragraph 3. 25 4. The City denies the allegations of paragraph 4. LAW OFFICES CITY OF SEATTLE'S ANSWER TO SECOND HARRIGAN LEYH FARMER & THOMSEN LLP

1	5.	The City denies the allegations of paragraph 5.
2	6.	The City denies the allegations of paragraph 6.
3	7.	The City denies the allegations of paragraph 7.
4	8.	The City denies the allegations of paragraph 8.
5	9.	The City denies the allegations of paragraph 9.
6	10.	The City denies the allegations of paragraph 10.
7	11.	The City denies the allegations of paragraph 11.
8	12.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in the first
9	sentence of pa	aragraph 12 and therefore denies them. The City denies the allegations in the second
10	sentence of pa	aragraph 12.
11		II. PARTIES
12	13.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the characterizations of the
13	plaintiffs in paragraph 13 and therefore denies them. The City denies the remainder of paragraph	
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15	14.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
16	14 and therefore denies them.	
17	15.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
18	15 and therefore	ore denies them.
19	16.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
20	16 and therefore	ore denies them.
21	17.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
22	17 and therefo	ore denies them.
23	18.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
24	18 and therefo	ore denies them.
25	19.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph

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2	20.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
3	20 and therefo	ore denies them.
4	21.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
5	21 and therefore	ore denies them.
6	22.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
7	22 and therefore	ore denies them.
8	23.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
9	23 and therefo	ore denies them.
10	24.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
11	24 and therefore	ore denies them.
12	25.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
13	25 and therefo	ore denies them.
14	26.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
15	26 and therefore	ore denies them.
16	27.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
17	27 and therefo	ore denies them.
18	28.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
19	28 and therefo	ore denies them.
20	29.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
21	29 and therefore denies them.	
22	30.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
23	30 and therefo	ore denies them.
24	31.	The City admits that the City of Seattle is a municipality within the State of
25	Washington.	that the Seattle Police Department is a department of the City, that Jenny Durkan is

the Mayor of the City, that the Mayor of the City is the chief executive officer of the City, and that 1 2 the Mayor of the City is a policymaker for the City, and denies the remaining allegations of 3 paragraph 31. III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE 4 5 32. Paragraph 32 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. 33. Paragraph 33 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. 6 7 IV. **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS** 8 34. The City denies the allegations of paragraph 34. 9 35. The City admits that it used barriers in managing the Cal Anderson Park area during 10 June 2020 and otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 35. 11 36. The City denies the allegations of paragraph 36. 12 37. The City admits that during June 2020 some people called the Cal Anderson Park 13 area Free Capitol Hill, CHAZ, and CHOP and otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 37. 38. 14 The City admits that the area referred to as the CHOP was bounded approximately by East Denny Way, 13th Avenue, East Pike Street, and Broadway and that Cal Anderson Park 15 16 and sixteen city blocks are within that area, and otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 38. 39. 17 The City denies the allegations of paragraph 39. 18 40. The City denies the allegations of paragraph 40. 19 41. The City admits that during June 2020 there were tents on some streets, sidewalks, 20 and Cal Anderson Park, lacks sufficient information to admit or deny whether the photographs 21 depict what they are claimed to depict and therefore denies the same, and otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 41. 22 23 42. The City admits that during June 2020 persons painted graffiti on surfaces in the 24 Cal Anderson Park area and that during June 2020 some property owners and the City removed or 25 painted over graffiti on surfaces in the Cal Anderson Park area, lacks sufficient information to

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admit or deny whether some business owners were threatened with retaliation and therefore denies the same, lacks sufficient information to admit or deny whether the photographs depict what they are claimed to depict and therefore denies the same, and otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 42.

- 43. The City admits that persons sold food and other items during the time and in the area at issue, but otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 43.
- 44. The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 44 and therefore denies the same.
- 45. The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny that persons demanded business owners release individuals who were caught committing crimes or that persons attempted to perform their own crime investigations and therefore denies the same, and otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 45.
- 46. The City admits that speeches, debates, movies, music, and various other activities occurred during the time and in the area at issue, but otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 46.
- 47. The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 47 and therefore denies the same.
- 48. The City admits that Cal Anderson Park was within the area described by some persons as the CHOP, is approximately 7 acres in area, and is owned by the City. The City admits that the City provided hand-washing stations and portable toilets during the time and in the area at issue. The City otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 48.
- 49. The City denies the allegations in paragraph 49 and lacks sufficient information to admit or deny whether the photographs depict what they are claimed to depict and therefore denies the same.
  - 50. The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny whether local residents were

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threatened and therefore denies that allegation, lacks sufficient information to admit or deny whether the photographs depict what they are claimed to depict and therefore denies the same, and otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 50.

- 51. The City admits that persons planted gardens in Cal Anderson Park during the time at issue, lacks sufficient information to admit or deny whether the photographs depict what they are claimed to depict and therefore denies the same, and otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 51.
- 52. The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny whether any of plaintiffs' properties overlook, border, or are adjacent to Cal Anderson Park or to admit or deny what plaintiffs saw and therefore denies the same, and otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 52.
- 53. The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 53 and therefore denies the same.
  - 54. The City denies the allegations in paragraph 54.
  - 55. The City denies the allegations in paragraph 55.
- 56. The City admits that Seattle Police Department Chief Carmen Best said what she said and otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 56.
  - 57. The City denies the allegations in paragraph 57.
- 58. The City admits that two persons were shot in the approximate area and during the approximate time specified, that one of the persons shot died and that no persons have been criminally charged as perpetrators of the shootings. The City otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 58.
- 59. The City admits that the video purports to show what it purports to show, but otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 59.
- 60. The City admits that a person was shot in the approximate area and during the approximate time specified, lacks sufficient information to admit or deny how the person was

1	73.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 73.
2	74.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 74.
3	75.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 75.
4	76.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 76.
5	77.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 77.
6	78.	The City admits that Seattle Police Department Chief Carmen Best said what she
7	said and otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 78.	
8	79.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 79.
9	80.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 80.
10	81.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 81.
11	82.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph
12	82 and therefore denies the same.	
13	83.	The City denies the first, second, and fifth sentences of paragraph 83. The City
14	lacks sufficie	nt information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of paragraph 83 and
15	therefore den	ies the same.
16	84.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations paragraph 84
17	and therefore	denies the same.
18	85.	The City denies the last sentence of paragraph 85. The City lacks sufficient
19	information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of paragraph 85 and therefore denies the	
20	same.	
21	86.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph
22	86 and therefore denies the same.	
23	87.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph
24	87 and therefore denies the same.	
25	88.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph

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1	160 and there	fore denies the same.
2	161.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph
3	161 and there	fore denies the same.
4	162.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph
5	162 and there	fore denies the same.
6	163.	The City lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph
7	163 and therefore denies the same.	
8	164.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 164.
9	165.	The City admits that persons said what they said, that the City stated what it stated,
10	and that Mayor Durkan personally visited the area at issue during the time period at issue. The	
11	City otherwis	e denies the allegations in paragraph 165.
12	166.	The City admits that Mayor Durkan's order effective July 1, 2020, states what it
13	states. The C	ity otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 166.
14	167.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 167.
15	168.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 168.
16	169.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 169.
17	170.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 170.
18	171.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 171.
19	172.	The City admits that persons said what they said and that the City stated what it
20	stated. The C	City denies the remaining allegations in paragraph 172.
21	173.	The City admits that persons said what they said and that the City stated what it
22	stated. The C	City denies the remaining allegations in paragraph 173.
23	174.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 174.
24	175.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 175.
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1		V. CLASS ALLEGATIONS
2	176.	The City admits that the plaintiffs seek what they seek.
3	177.	The City admits that the plaintiffs seek what they seek.
4	178.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 178.
5	179.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 179.
6	180.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 180.
7	181.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 181.
8	182.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 182.
9	183.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 183.
10	184.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 184.
11	185.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 185.
12		VI. CLAIM FOR RELIEF
13		FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION – PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS
14	186.	The City responds to each allegation as it responded before.
15	187.	Paragraph 187 states legal conclusions to which no response is required.
16	188.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 188.
17	189.	Paragraph 189 states legal conclusions to which no response is required.
18	190.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 190.
19	191.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 191.
20	192.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 192.
21	193.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 193.
22	194.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 194.
		SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION – SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS
23		SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION - SUBSTAINTIVE DUE FROCESS
<ul><li>23</li><li>24</li></ul>	195.	The City responds to each allegation as it responded before.

1	197.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 197.
2	198.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 198.
3	199.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 199.
4	200.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 200.
5		THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION – TAKING
6	201.	The City responds to each allegation as it responded before.
7	202.	Paragraph 202 states legal conclusions to which no response is required.
8	203.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 203.
9	204.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 204.
10	205.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 205.
11	206.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 206.
12		FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION – NEGLIGENCE
13	207.	The City responds to each allegation as it responded before.
14	208.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 208.
15	209.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 209.
16	210.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 210.
17	211.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 211.
18	212.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 212.
19	213.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 213.
20		FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION – NUISANCE
21	214.	The City responds to each allegation as it responded before.
22	215.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 215.
23	216.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 216.
24	217.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 217.
25	218.	The City denies the allegations in paragraph 218.

1 timely notice of a tort claim before commencing the action. 2 9. Plaintiffs Onxy Homeowners Association, Madrona Real Estate Services LLC, 3 Madrona Real Estate Investors IV LLC, Madrona Real Estate Investors VI LLC, 12th and Pike Associates LLC, Hunters Capital, LLC, Olive ST Apartments LLC, and Redside Partners LLC 4 5 lack standing to sue for damages allegedly incurred by the tenants, residents, and owners in the 6 buildings they manage and / or own. 7 DATED this 13th day of November, 2020. 8 PETER S. HOLMES Seattle City Attorney 9 By: s/Joseph Groshong 10 Joseph Groshong, WSBA# 41593 Assistant City Attorney 11 Seattle City Attorney's Office 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2050 12 Seattle, WA 98104 Tel: (206) 684-8200 13 Fax: (206) 684-8284 14 Joseph.Groshong@seattle.gov 15 HARRIGAN LEYH FARMER & THOMSEN LLP 16 By: s/ Arthur W. Harrigan, Jr. 17 By: s/Tyler L. Farmer By: s/Kristin E. Ballinger 18 Arthur W. Harrigan, Jr., WSBA #1751 Tyler L. Farmer, WSBA #39912 19 Kristin E. Ballinger, WSBA #28253 20 999 Third Avenue, Suite 4400 Seattle, WA 98104 21 Tel: (206) 623-1700 Fax: (206) 623-8717 22 arthurh@harriganleyh.com tylerf@harriganleyh.com 23 kristinb@harriganleyh.com 24 Attorneys for City of Seattle 25